

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Nashville, Tennessee

November 23, 2004

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE
INDEPENDENT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC
D/B/A IRIS NETWORKS FOR
ARBITRATION OF A COLLOCATION
AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
OF TENNESSEE L.L.C. OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, FOR RESOLUTION OF
COMPLAINT AGAINST CITIZENS
REGARDING DENIAL OF
COLLOCATION**

**DOCKET NO.
04-00310**

ORDER REGARDING BRIEFING AND ORAL ARGUMENT

This docket is before the Hearing Officer to prepare it for oral argument before the panel. The Panel, consisting of Chairman Pat Miller and Directors Deborah Taylor Tate and Ron Jones, first considered the docket during the November 22, 2004 Authority Conference. At the conference, the Panel voted to appoint a Hearing Officer to prepare the docket for oral argument and to order the parties to file briefs by December 6, 2004.

In order to facilitate the drafting of the briefs, the Hearing Officer sets forth the issue for briefing and oral argument as follows: Whether Citizens Telecommunications Company L.L.C. must provide physical collocation to Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group LLC d/b/a Iris Networks pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6). Briefs shall be filed by no later than 2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2004. Briefs shall contain detailed citations to any legal authority relied on


and shall have attached copies of any authorities not readily available through Authority records or electronic databases.

Oral argument shall be held on December 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. before the Panel. Petitioner, Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group LLC d/b/a Iris Networks, shall be entitled to open and conclude the arguments. Petitioner shall have twenty (20) minutes in which to present its arguments, and at its option, may reserve any portion of its twenty (20) minutes to present rebuttal arguments. Respondent, Citizens Telecommunications Company L.L.C., also shall have twenty (20) minutes in which to present its arguments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1) Briefs on the issue of "Whether Citizens Telecommunications Company L.L.C. must provide physical collocation to Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group LLC d/b/a Iris Networks pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6)" shall be filed by **2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2004** in accordance with this Order.

2) Oral argument before the Panel shall be conducted in accordance with this Order on **Monday, December 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**



Ron Jones, Director
As Hearing Officer¹

¹ During the November 22, 2004 Authority Conference, a panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority consisting of Chairman Pat Miller and Directors Deborah Taylor Tate and Ron Jones unanimously voted to appoint Director Ron Jones as the Hearing Officer to prepare this docket for oral argument.